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17 April 1957

Dear Rip:

I have been wanting to write to you for some time, but, owing to the pressure of my business at the present moment and to the fact that I caught a cold, I have been slowed down somewhat in matters connected with the Class.

In the first place, I cannot commend you too highly upon the letter which you addressed to Roy De. S. Horn. As I told you before, I likewise wrote him on the same subject because he took the same strange stand with me that he took with you. I thought your letter very kind, very understanding, and very fair. I can't imagine what is the matter with Roy. Perhaps if I had been given my choice long ago I would never have chosen a goat as a mascot either, but chosen it was and it is our choice forever.

I wanted to go to New York last weekend, but I was unable to do that either. However, I endeavored to call you and finally got your club, only to discover to my sorrow that you had departed but one moment before. I hope that your visit was satisfactory.

I see nothing wrong with the plan for the presentation of the bronze goat. I think it quite right that it should be as it is and I am sure that it will be highly satisfactory. This conforms to my wishes, as stated to you earlier; i.e., that the presentation be made at a time when a lot of people would be in the area so that the presentation becomes an affair.

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I notice also that the plan is to have a Brigade Dress Parade at Worden Field, and a baseball game follow in the afternoon.

My problem now is where to stay when I come down there. If I stay at the University Club in Washington, could I drive down with you on Wednesday morning? Do you have plans for that night because I have none and will be glad to ride back to Washington with you (if you plan to do that). I will have business in Washington at this time so I don't care to spend unnecessary time in Annapolis.

Give my best regards to your beloved Hazel. As for yourself, I think you have done a swell job in every way and I will go along one hundred per cent in all that you do from now on relating to the goat.

With best regards, I am, as ever,

Your old friend,

R. W. BATES

Admiral A. D. Struble
4017 Oliver Street
Chevy Chase 15, Md.

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18 April 1957

Dear Miss Murphy:

This note is to thank you for your help in handling the numerous guests Mrs. Robbins and I had for the Naval War College play on Friday evening last.

Although theoretically you were operating entirely for Mrs. Robbins, I nevertheless felt that you were acting for me as well.

I therefore feel quite justified in writing to you to thank you for your share in what developed into a most satisfactory party.

Again, many thanks for your assistance.

With best regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

R. W. BATES

Miss Mary V. Murphy
U.S. Naval War College
Newport, R.I.

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18 April 1957

Dear Commander McLane:

This note is to thank you for your kind assistance to me on the occasion of the Naval War College play on Friday evening last.

The arrangements for handling the automobiles, both at the Admiral's house and at the Theatre, were excellent and all of my guests were loud in praise of it.

I thought that your work in seating the guests for Mrs. Robbins and in handling the whole situation outstanding.

Miss Murphy likewise handled her responsibilities in this matter extremely well.

With best regards and deep appreciation, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

R. W. BATES

LCDR A. W. McLane, USN
U.S. Naval War College
Newport, R.I.

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April 23rd, 1957

Dear Marguerite:

This note is to thank you very much for your kindness in inviting me to your Easter Sunday luncheon. I thought it was a lot of fun.

I enjoyed your table very much and I thought your French vin' rose' was "tres bien", although as a Californian I don't give the French vineyards "all sway".

I also enjoyed greatly the pleasure of being a guest last night and consuming the turkey "en famille".

Your house guest, Elaine, is certainly a wonderful person and I was delighted by her presence as she is a lot of fun.

Referring to my comment last night about the meanings of certain names, the name, Elaine, I find, has three meanings (all out of the Arthurian legends):

- (1) the lily maid of Astolat, who lived and died for Lancelot;
- (2) the half sister of Arthur and mother of Modred (a knight of the Round Table, the rebellious nephew of King Arthur):
- (3) the daughter of King Pellès and mother of Sir Galahad.

As for your name, Marguerite, all that I could find was that it was a flower and also a variation of the name Margaret, of which there were many famous in history, notably in France, like Margaret of Valois, or Margaret, Maid of Norway, and here like yourself although you are not history yet.

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April 23rd, 1957

With best regards and, again, with
many thanks for your thoughtfulness
in my behalf, I am, as ever,

Your old friend,

R. W. BATES

Countess Marguerite dePourtales
104 Mill Street
Newport, R.I.

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April 23rd, 1957

Dear Mr. Wickes:

This note is to thank you very much for your thoughtfulness in giving me the book, "Enterprise in Oil" (The Life Story of the Shell Oil Company).

I shall pursue it with interest and, as I do, I shall remember the great contributions which you have made to the American Shell Oil Company and to Shell International as well.

I also want to tell you of how happy I was that you and Mrs. Wickes were kind enough to join Mrs. Robbins at dinner preceding the Naval War College play. It was too bad, of course, that neither of you were able to attend the play. Actually, the show was quite good for an amateur affair and I am sure you would have enjoyed it. I am extremely sorry that Nature's limitations made it impossible for you to attend.

As you know, over the years the names "Forsyth and Marian" Wickes have meant a great deal to the Newport community. I am sure that they will continue to do so in the years to come.

I am going to New York to attend a PT Boat convention at which the Secretary of the Navy is going to speak and then I am going to visit Admiral Conolly out on Long Island to discuss certain World War II matters.

Outside of that, things are going along well with me with the exception that I still have a cold which hangs on and on.

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April 23rd, 1957

It is quite a nuisance!

I am looking forward to calling on
you presently to renew the interesting
discussions of yesteryear.

With warmest personal regards, many
thanks for the book, and best wishes
for the Easter Season, I am, as ever,

Very sincerely yours,

R. W. BATES

Mr. Forsyth Zee Wickes
Starboard House
Newport, R.I.

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April 25, 1957

Dear Pamela:

I want to thank you very much for your note relative to the flowers which I sent to you. When Easter comes around, I always think of you and LeRoy, because throughout the years you have been extremely kind to me in many matters, but notably in relation to the privilege of your pew.

I have always enjoyed sitting with you at Trinity Church and I have wondered whether or not I had become some sort of an imposition in so doing. It was for that reason that, when you went away this Winter (and also George Warren went away), I borrowed George Warren's pew.

It was well that I did because your pew was generally filled with visitors, whereas, had I had it, Mr. Wilkinson would have likely left me alone there.

I will be very honest and say that I much prefer your pew. In its location and design, it is the best pew that I have seen in Trinity Church and I don't blame you for holding it forever. You can imagine my pleasure then, on Sunday last, when I discovered that my presence in your pew was perhaps not an imposition but was enjoyed by you as well. For that, I give you thanks!

I was awfully sorry to note that you had been ill for so long--when I say "you", I mean both you and LeRoy. It was certainly unhappy for us that you could not come to Mrs. Robbins' dinner and, as a guest of mine, to the Naval War College play. You were badly missed, although the population at the dinner was great--52.

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April 25, 1957

I am off for New York tomorrow to attend a PT Boat convention and will be away therefore on Sunday. The following week I will spend largely in Washington. I am mentioning this to let you know I will be out to see you presently. I should like to do so very much now that you have returned, shall we say, to your "native land".

With many thanks for your charming note and with sincere regrets for your unhappy disability over the past few weeks, I am, as ever,

Your old friend,

R. W. BATES

Mrs. LeRoy King
"Indian Spring"
Mooreland Road
Newport, R.I.

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29 April 1957

Dear Hanley:

It was very nice to see you at the PT Banquet and to note that you were looking fine. In fact, I thought most of the PT "regulars" were looking very well, indeed.

I also enjoyed the affair, the speech of the Secretary of the Navy, and the way everyone handled themselves. It was a lot of fun!

I am enclosing herewith the "Hymn to Those in the Armed Forces", and I think it is something for you to think about for this reason: it includes land, sea, and air, although it is essentially a Navy hymn. On the other hand, we have sea and air in the Navy also, so it could be quite satisfactory.

About the position of the Right Reverend Lauriston L. Scaife here given (Reverend Scaife was the Rector of Trinity Church in Newport at the time), his name is on here because he helped me with some of the words.

With best regards, and God speed if you use it and God speed if you don't, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

R. W. BATES

Mr. John H. Hanley
United States Secret Service
Treasury Department
276 First Avenue
New York, N.Y.

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May 6, 1957

My dear Mr. Secretary:

After the Navy League Banquet in New York on Thursday night I spoke to your Aide, Captain Kauffman, and said that I thought that your talk had been so much to the point and so suitable to the occasion that I felt like writing you a letter. He replied, "Why don't you?" So, here it is.

What I wish to say is that I had the privilege of seeing and hearing you in action twice during the past several days; at the PT Banquet in New York and again at the Navy League Banquet.

I was interested in your approach in each case. In the former case, you stood up and spoke "off the cuff" and gave your views on the position of the Navy in our modern world. You then permitted the members of the PT Boats assembled to cross examine you by questions from the floor. This was a highly effective approach for these men, many of whom are eminently successful in business life and all of whom wished to have something to support the views which they had been building up for some time. You provided this!

(Parenthetically, I should like to say that I believe that the very large attendance at the PT Boat Banquet was, in a large way, due to the fact that you had accepted the invitation to be present.)

In the case of your address before the Navy League of the United States, your approach was, of course, markedly different from that of the PT Boat Banquet. At

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the Waldorf Astoria you brought back memories to many of the early days of the war. You brought them through the defeats, through the early victories, and finally to total victory. I thought yours was a masterly exposition in a very few words of the history, glamor and pathos, of those days. I could tell, from the many around me, that they were all recalling clearly those great days. In my mind, yours was the key speech of them all for you set the stage for what followed.

I am not in the habit of writing to the Secretary of the Navy about matters of this kind, but it seems only fair that I take the liberty in this case of so doing.

As an old Pacific sailor, I give you thanks!

Very sincerely yours,

R. W. BATES

Honorable Thomas S. Gates, Jr.
Secretary of the Navy
Washington 25, D.C.

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May 6, 1957

Dear Jack:

This letter is to congratulate (a) the Navy League of the United States for having elected you as its President, and (b) you for having accepted this office.

Because of your deep interest and faith in the Navy, in the Navy League, and in your Country, I think you will make an excellent President; in fact, an outstanding President of the Navy League. It takes men of dedication, in addition to other attributes, to successfully execute the duty of President of the Navy League of the United States. This you have in full measure!

I could tell, when I was at the dinner in New York, that your popularity was great--that everyone felt that you and you alone were responsible for the gala affair which proved so unusual, and yet so highly successful. Therefore, I felt sure that your great qualities, would be recognized--as they have been!

I am pleased to know you!

With best regards, I am, as ever,

Your old friend,

R. W. BATES

RADM J. J. Bergen, USNR
40 Wall Street
New York, N.Y.

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9 May 1957

Dear Admiral Turner:

I missed you at the Navy League dinner--I had hoped to see you and to see how you are. I don't mind saying that the last time I saw you I thought you looked fine and I told many people, who were interested and who asked.

The whole affair was most delightful. I was not a Guest of Honor as you would have been; I was, instead, an honor guest.

A Guest of Honor is selected from those persons retired with many decorations, whereas an "honor guest" could be anyone. However, I felt pleased that they had invited me. Although the enclosed program (which you may retain) shows me sitting at Table 24, in fact they shoved me up on the dais.

I hope this finds you and Mrs. Turner in very good health and enjoying yourselves.

With best regards, I am, as ever,

Your old friend,

R. W. BATES

Admiral R. K. Turner, USN(Ret)
124 Soledad Drive,
Monterey, California

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9 May 1957

Dear Admiral Spruance:

As an honor guest of the Navy League of the United States at dinner in New York on May 2nd, I was disappointed to note that you were not present as a "Guest of Honor".

There is a difference between "Guest of Honor" and "honor guest". A Guest of Honor is one of those such as yourself chosen to be honored by the Navy League by a banquet, parade, etc. in "Operation Remember". An honor guest is one of those invited by the Navy League to be at this dinner, but not necessarily to receive any particular signal honor. The first requirement to be a Guest of Honor is to be a retired officer; the second is to have sufficient points, because of certain characteristics, and to be selected by the Navy League.

I thought that the dinner was very successful indeed. I saw many of my old friends around there and I am sure that you and Margaret would have had a most enjoyable time.

On this dinner night, Admiral Nimitz, who was somewhat ill in Washington, was absent and Admiral Hart spoke in his place. Admiral Hart, who is somewhere around eighty, was magnificent; everyone was very proud of him.

I am enclosing herewith one of the programs which you may retain. From it you will get an idea of how the banquet was handled and the names of those invited. Although I am shown in the program as sitting at Table 24 with the wife of the Secretary of the Navy and of the new President of the Navy League of the United States (Rear Admiral John J. Bergen, USNR), I was

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informed that they wanted me on the dais. I "kicked" but up to the dais I went anyway. I enjoyed it because I was at beside the Surgeon General, Admiral Hogan, and I wanted to talk about some things with him. It was most fortuitous!

I hope you and Margaret are fine and that your absence from this affair was not due in any way to any illness either of mind, body, or estate.

With best regards, I am, as ever,

Your old friend,

R. W. BATES

Admiral R. A. Spruance, USN(Ret)
P.O. Box 192
Pebble Beach, California

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May 10, 1957

Dear Lil:

As McLane has told you, I have been working for some time to try and get an eminent artist to paint a portrait of Lynde for the Naval War College.

I have been steadily hunting and now I have an eminent artist, Mr. Edmond J. Fitzgerald, here who has been commissioned to paint Lynde. Before we gave him the responsibility of painting Lynde, we had him paint Tommy Robbins. This was a suggestion from Washington because Washington wanted to be entirely certain as to the ability of Mr. Fitzgerald. Mr. Fitzgerald did a fine job in painting Tommy and he is now anxious to do a fine job in painting Lynde.

For your information, Mr. Fitzgerald is a fine artist, as well as an extremely nice fellow, and has done excellent work in painting the portraits of the Presidents of some of the larger corporations; his last one being the President of National Cash Register and, in addition, he conducts a class in portrait painting in New York. He gets \$1500 for normal portraits.

His method of approach is first to make a charcoal sketch giving the general character of the painting. In the case of Lynde, he drew several sketches, two of them showing Lynde with binoculars, but everybody here rejected these in favor of the one which I am herewith enclosing. It must be pointed out that this is nothing but a sketch made in a matter of hours and, therefore, is not the finished product in any way. It is merely drawn, as I said before, to give the general layout.

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May 10, 1957

As you will note, behind Lynde on the wall is a coat of arms. This is the Naval War College coat of arms which was produced under Lynde's direction. We have been feeling that perhaps it might be preferable to use the NATO coat of arms rather than the War College coat of arms.

The reason we all favor this ensemble is because it indicates Lynde's principal characteristic, his brains. This is designed to indicate primarily the fact that he was more engaged in planning operations than in standing on the bridge and catching shells as they burst around him.

I asked the artist if he objected to my sending this sketch to you to obtain some thoughts of yours in this matter and he seemed very pleased at the idea. Tommy Robbins also approves, so here you are!

I should appreciate your courtesy if you would reply at the earliest as Mr. Fitzgerald is painting this on active duty and his time will expire in three weeks.

The weather here is becoming wonderful again and therefore many of your old friends are returning. In fact, last night I had dinner at Kristen Norman's and the guests were the Lewis Morrisses, the Reeves, and the John Adamses. I was very glad to see Muriel Adams as she has been very ill in Florida during the past several months. She got "spiked" in one leg by a big spike on the beach and somehow developed phlebitis in the other leg. She is now considerably improved, both physically and mentally, and we are all very happy for this.

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May 10th, 1957

Please give my best regards to any old friends around there. Hoping to hear from you shortly and to obtain your approval of this general ensemble, I am, as ever,

Your old friend,

R. W. BATES

Mrs. Lynde D. McCormick

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10 May 1957

Dear Mr. Macomber:

You told me recently, and Captain Robertson confirms this, that very shortly (within a day or so) the ownership of the apartment house at 12 Mount Vernon Street (wherein I reside) will pass from yourself to Captain Robertson.

I am sorry about this because I have reason to believe that you would have been a very fine landlord and I preferred to be "landlorded" by a civilian rather than by a Naval officer.

I am reminded, of course, by this sale, of your promise to me (at the time when I returned last August from California) that you would make good to me the costs of the work I did in the apartment.

As your wife well knows, the apartment was in pretty bad shape until I was forced to put my hand into my pocket to take the load off your mother-in-law.

You thoroughly understood this and very kindly advised me not to be concerned; that when you sold the house (as you wished to do in a few months) you would see to it that I was reimbursed adequately. This was a very proper, correct and ethical suggestion on your part, as I did not repair the apartment only to "give" it to Captain Robertson for "nothing".

I should like to get together with you one day and we can arrive at some amicable solution of this problem and also the matter of the rent. I am planning, in this connection, to look through my checks to see whether or not I paid Mrs. Miller in advance or after the month had passed. At the present moment, I cannot be sure.

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Outside of that, I want to say that I view your sale with regret and I hope that your departure will not break up a friendly relationship.

With best regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

R. W. BATES

Mr. William P. Macomber
2533 East Main Rd.
Portsmouth, R.I.

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10 May 1957

Dear Fred:

This letter, although somewhat belated, is to tell you that I will be down there for the acceptance by the Superintendent of the Naval Academy of the class, shall we call it, memorial.

I look forward to it with a great deal of pleasure and I also look forward to having luncheon with you.

For your information, I will arrive in Washington the night of May 14th and I will stay either at the University Club or with Obie Hardison. Obie is an old friend of mine (of the Class of 1916); we roomed together when I was on duty on the staff of the PG School in 1925 (until 1927).

I want to congratulate you on the brilliance of your fine handling of the financial side of this memorial.

I see no reason at all why we cannot send out color pictures as you and Rip desire. There has been some opposition to this goat and I feel that if the color pictures are properly done everyone will have to agree that the job of the committee has been expertly done.

I spoke to Rip about having that cornerstone in this memorial--I thought we had agreed on it--but Rip says that the matter has died and for me not to write anything to put in the cornerstone as there will not be any.

Looking forward to seeing you next week, and with best regards, I am, as ever,

Your old friend and classmate,

R. W. BATES

RADM F. G. Richards, USN(Ret)

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13 May 1957

Dear Admiral Kinkaid:

I was somewhat surprised when I discovered that you were missing from the Navy League dinner in New York. I had expected to see you there as I wanted to say "hello".

Unfortunately, you were absent, as were Admirals Spruance and Turner, so, for reasons entirely unknown to me, three of the four top commanders in the Western Pacific during World War II were missing. Admiral Halsey, of course, was present, and Admiral Nimitz should have been there, but was ill in Washington.

I am therefore sending to you herewith one of the dinner programs. I thought you might be interested in it and, of course, you may retain it.

I was there as an 'honor guest'; you would have been a 'Guest of Honor'. The difference is simple. A Guest of Honor was one of the retired leaders of consequence and a honor guest was a guest of the Navy League.

With best regards, I am, as ever,

Very sincerely yours,

R. W. BATES

Admiral T.C. Kinkaid, USN(Ret)
2134 "R" Street (NW)
Washington, D.C.

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May 14, 1957

Dear Diana:

I regret that I have been a little slow in making out the enclosed list but I have found it most difficult since there are many changes taking place and thus many officers and their wives will be leaving the area.

However, I think this list I am enclosing is firm for the senior officers. I may be able to get some "younger names" later, but at the present time I am at a loss.

It was awfully nice to see you the other day and to find you looking so well. Both Mrs. Kalbfus and I were quite impressed and quite delighted.

I will be seeing you presently and we will be able to discuss this more fully. However, at the moment I am off for Annapolis where my class is dedicating a memorial to the Naval Academy. It is a large bronze goat which is the Navy's mascot. I will send you a picture when I get one.

Thanks for the privilege of sending in some names. With best regards, I am, as ever,

Your old friend,

R. W. BATES

Mrs. Diana Ryan
"Vauchuse Farm"
Wapping Road
Portsmouth, R.I.

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Vice Admiral & Mrs. Stuart H. Ingersoll
President, Naval War College,
Newport, R.I.

Rear Admiral & Mrs. Charles H. Lyman III
Chief of Staff, Naval War College,
Newport, R.I.

Rear Admiral & Mrs. John C. Daniel
Commander, Destroyer Force, Atlantic,
c/o Fleet Post Office
New York, N.Y.

Rear Admiral & Mrs. Henry Crommelin
Commander, Naval Base,
Newport, R.I.

Rear Admiral & Mrs. Harold T. Deutermann
Commander, Destroyer Flotilla TWO
c/o Fleet Post Office
New York, N.Y.

Captain & Mrs. Donald T. Eller
Commander, Destroyer Flotilla SIX
c/o Fleet Post Office
New York, N.Y.

Captain & Mrs. Poyntell C. Staley
26 Mann Avenue
Newport, R.I.

Captain & Mrs. Alexander B. Cox, Jr.
Quarters 17A, Fort Adams
Newport, R.I.

Captain & Mrs. Robert J.C. Maulsby
Quarters 13, Fort Adams,
Newport, R.I.

Captain & Mrs. Edward L. Robertson
66 Ayrault Street,
Newport, R.I.

Captain & Mrs. Richard G. Colbert
Glen Farm, Sandy Point,
Portsmouth, R.I.

Captain & Mrs. Langford W. Beebe
468 Purgatory Road
Middletown, R.I.

Captain & Mrs. Merle F. Bowman
33 Cranston Avenue
Newport, R.I.

Rear Admiral & Mrs. Henry E. Eccles
101 Washington Avenue,
Newport, R.I.

& Mrs.
Colonel/Spencer S. Berger,
32A Adams Drive, Fort Adams,
Brenton Village,
Newport, R.I.

Commander & Mrs. John C. Garrett
267 Green End Avenue,
Middletown, R.I.

Captain & Mrs. Jack C. Titus
233 Tuckerman Avenue
Newport, R.I.

Commander & Mrs. Howard Cole
2 Sunset Hill
Middletown, R.I.

Commander & Mrs. Roy S. Belcher, Jr.
Quarters 2C, Fort Adams,
Newport, R.I.

Captain & Mrs. J. B. Weiler
Chief of Staff, Naval Base
Newport, R.I.

Captain & Mrs. L. W. Creighton
Quarters C, Naval Station,
Newport, R.I.

Commander & Mrs. S. DeCristofaro
Quarters E, Naval Station,
Newport, R.I.

Captain & Mrs. D. L. Kauffman,
Naval Aide,
Office of the Secretary of the Navy
Navy Department
Washington 25, D.C.

Vice Admiral & Mrs. J. L. Kauffman,
President,
Jefferson Medical College & Medical School
Philadelphia 7, Pa.

Rear Admiral & Mrs. C. L. Andrews, Jr.
"Landfall", Brenton Road,
Newport, R.I.

Captain & Mrs. E. H. Douglas
58 Kay Street,
Newport, R.I.

Commodore & Mrs. H. B. McClesry
"Twin Beeches", 38 Catherine Street,
Newport, R.I.

Lieutenant & Mrs. Charles B. Choyce
Aide,
Naval War College,
Newport, R.I.

24 May 1957

Dear Dick:

I have finally located again the artist, Mr. Dwight Shepler, who painted your portrait, and therefore I wrote a letter to him explaining that you wished to have him copy your portrait, but in a reduced scale, and asking for information as to his charges.

I am quoting herewith exactly what he wrote in a letter to me and, if you are interested in this, I would suggest that you write to him direct. I don't think that you wish me to act as an intermediary, although I shall be very happy to do so.

"Please give my very best to Admiral Conolly, and tell him that I would be delighted to make a replica of his portrait.

"As it is considerably less time-consuming to make a replica, the quotation would be based on 60% of current prices. I feel that in this sort of portrait the head should be at its present approximate life size, so I would suggest the following possible reductions in the compositions:

"Head and shoulders, with ribbons \$480
canvas approximately 25x30

"Composition with one hand and part
of the other. This would show the Admiral's stripes. It may involve slightly raising the right hand with binoculars, but, as I observed at the time his hands and mine are similar, I can translate from the painting and my hand in a mirror.
canvas approximately 28x34 \$720

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"Same composition canvas 34x44 \$900

"If Admiral Conolly decides to this my best procedure would be to set aside a time, and bring the portrait to my studio under ample insurance for a period of two or three weeks, if that is agreeable."

I don't think there will be any objection to Mr. Shepler borrowing your portrait for a couple of weeks from the College in order to copy it, but when you are up here during Global Strategy you might take that matter up yourself with Admiral Robbins.

For information, Mr. Shepler's address is: Mr. Dwight Shepler, 95 Dudley Road, Newton Centre 59, Mass.

I hope things are going along well with you. The end of the College year is fast approaching. The boys have finished that great global battle, the result of which will be known presently.

The weather is livable at last, so we have the right to be happy here. We won't feel fully happy until you show up, however.

With best regards to you and to Helen, and with hopes that I will hear from you presently as to whether or not you will handle the matter of the portrait directly, I am, as ever,

Your old friend,

R. W. BATES

ADM R.L. Conolly, USN(Ret)
President,
Long Island University

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